

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1126
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Heather Lauren Johnson, 2006 Valedictorian of Dickson County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Heather Lauren Johnson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Dickson County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Lauren has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Johnson has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in many scholastic organizations, including the Art Club, which she served as Treasurer, Beta Club, which she served as Secretary, Drama Club, which she served as a Scenic Artist, the Science Club, which she served as President, Future Teachers of America, Health Occupations Students of America, Interact, the Student Council, and the Youth Leadership Teen Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Lauren Johnson won Departmental Awards in Math, Spanish, and English, garnered the 2005 Wendell Hudson American History Award, captured first place honors in the 2005 DCHS Science Fair, earned a National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation, was named a Presidential Scholar Candidate, gained recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, took home third place honors in the 2006 Tennessee Association of HOSA Regional Competition, was the 2006 American Mathematics Contest 12 School Winner, gained invitations to attend the 2005

Tennessee Governor's School for Science and the 2005 Tennessee Leadership Conference, and was voted as "Most Intellectual" by her peers; and

WHEREAS, a talented artist, Lauren has earned several Best of Show awards and a number of medals in various art shows and competitions, assisted in the painting of a mural in downtown Dickson, and was invited to attend the 2005 Governor's School for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, she donates her time and energies to the Strengthening Families Program, Dickson County Humane Society, the Dickson County Help Center, and the Episcopal Youth Community at St. James Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Lauren's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Anthony S. and Leanna M. Johnson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Johnson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Dickson County High School Valedictorian, Heather Lauren Johnson, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.